

Nkomo rejects Salisbury call

LUSAKA, May 3 (R). — Rhodesian nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo today rejected a ceasefire call from the multi-racial interim government in Salisbury, saying it was an insult to suggest that he might join the new administration. But in an interview with Reuters, he left the door open to continued negotiations with Britain for a settlement that transferred power to the breakaway colony's 6.8 million blacks. Mr. Nkomo, co-leader of the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance with Mr. Robert Mugabe, was commenting on yesterday's call by the interim government for the Front's guerrillas to lay down their arms.

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West Bank occupation commander fired

TEL AVIV, May 3 (Agencies). — Brig. Gen. David Hagoel, Commander of the Israeli Military Government in the occupied West Bank, has been dismissed from his post, the Defence Ministry announced last night. His dismissal followed an incident in which Israeli occupation troops threw tear gas grenades at a school near Bethlehem.

The official announcement said that Minister of Defence Ezer Weizman had ordered an investigation into the incident at Beit Jalla, where Israeli soldiers dispersed a demonstration against the Israeli invasion of south Lebanon.

They were reported to have burst into a school, shot pupils in a class room and then thrown tear gas grenades, forcing the pupils to jump out of a second story window.

The military commander of the occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem is to be court martialled along with his deputy, the Defence Ministry announced Tuesday.

Some of the pupils suffered broken limbs.

At first the military command denied the story, saying standing orders never to enter Arab schools were obeyed. But after an investigation, the version told by the students turned out to be essentially true, military officials said.

The Bethlehem officers, Lt. Col. Natan Ron and Major Nissi M. Cohen, had broken the rules and misinformed Hagoel. Hagoel, for his part, allegedly failed to investigate the incident.

It was the first time punitive action had been taken against such high-ranking officers for excessive force against Palestinian demonstrators.

Sources said Weizman and Israel's tough new Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan, were particularly angered by what they considered an attempt to cover up the incident.

Their displeasure grew when reports leaked out Tuesday, apparently from the military government, that Cohen alone would be disciplined. This was seen as a last-minute attempt to head off the stiff action planned by Weizman.

Cuba will give PLO military aid, Magazine claims

CAIRO, May 3 (R). — Cuba has secretly agreed to supply the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) with military aid, the Egyptian weekly magazine Akhbar Saa said today.

Quoting Palestinian sources, Akhbar Saa said PLO representatives had visited Havana to discuss details of the agreement, signed recently, under which Cuba would provide the PLO with arms and military equipment.

Akhbar Saa reported that Cuba had expressed readiness to send military units to fight with Palestinians in southern Lebanon.

Cuban experts would also train Palestinians in guerrilla warfare, the magazine said.

All communist cabinet in Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan, May 3 (AP). — All 21 members of the new Afghanistan cabinet named by the ruling Revolutionary Council are members of the formerly outlawed Communist Party, authoritative sources reported.

Three military officers and a woman doctor sit on the cabinet. The Council Chairman Noor Mohammad Taraki, the Communist Party leader who worked 15 years as a U.S. embassy translator, has been named prime minister. The number two man in the Council, its deputy Chief Mabarak Karmal, was given the post of assistant to the Prime Minister.

Two coup leaders were rewarded with cabinet seats, sources said. Army Maj. Mohammad Aslam, also known as Aslam Watani, who reportedly led the initial armoured attack on President Mohammad Daoud's residence last Thursday, was made Second Deputy Prime Minister and Communications Minister. The new Defence Minister is Air Force Lt. Col. Abdul Qadir, who called in airbase rocket attacks during the coup.

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Fatah attacks Carter statement

BEIRUT, May 3 (R). — Fatah, the biggest Palestinian commando organisation, today called for a reappraisal of Arab-American relations in the light of recent statements attributed to President Carter on the Palestine question. President Carter was quoted by New York Times special features, as saying he believed a permanent Middle East settlement would not include an independent Palestinian state. A statement by Fatah, which is headed by Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat, "all the Arab states must reconsider Arab-American relations in the light of America's hostile attitudes to the Palestinian people and their national cause, and to the Arab nation."

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U.S.-Soviet joint declaration is only "healthy way" to peace, Badran tells Czech Minister



His Highness Crown Prince Hassan (head of table) listens to Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Bohuslav Chonopek (third from right) during a meeting at the Royal Court on Wednesday. (JNA photo)

AMMAN, Jordan, May 3 (Agencies). — Premier Mudar Badran today said the only "healthy way" to bring about a Middle East settlement would be on the basis of last October's joint U.S.-Soviet declaration.

Badran's statement came in the midst of intense Arab criticism of U.S. President Jimmy Carter's renewed rejection of an independent Palestinian state.

Addressing the visiting Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Bohuslav Chonopek, Badran said the joint U.S.-Soviet statement "is the only way out of the obstacles currently impeding the peace initiative."

The joint U.S.-Soviet declaration called for the withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from Arab territories occupied in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

resolution of the Palestinian question to assure "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people," setting up demilitarized zones under United Nations supervision and participation of the U.S. and the Soviet Union in international quarantines of new borders.

Begin concept unacceptable

The visiting Czechoslovak foreign minister reiterated his country's support for the just struggle of the Arab people against Israeli aggression.

He also said his government does not accept Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's concept of peace in the area. During the meeting Mr. Chonopek and Mr. Badran renewed bilateral relations.

Economic agreements

Mr. Chonopek also met today with H. H. Crown Prince Hassan and Minister of State

from other peoples experience in evolving its own experiment.

The Czech minister expressed his country's desire and readiness to increase trade exchanges with Jordan, particularly the import of Jordanian phosphates and other products. He also expressed Sweden's support to Arab peoples struggle against the Israeli occupation and to efforts for bringing peace to the Middle East.

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from the increasing commercial cooperation with Czechoslovakia and the COMECON countries and called for conclusion of economic agreements between Jordan and Czechoslovakia to promote cooperation.

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Top U.S. foreign policy, defence officials plead M.E. arms deal case

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP). — Top U.S. administration foreign policy and defence officials told Congress today that the sales of jet fighters to Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel are "vitally important" to U.S. Middle East policy.

"Failure to proceed with the sales will seriously undercut the American role in the peace process," Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Defence Secretary Harold Brown followed Vance and told the committee that sale of the aircraft is "essential to assure the survival and vitality of U.S. security interests in the Middle East."

Vance and Brown led off the administration testimony at the formal opening of its campaign to win Congressional support for the sales, which face opposition on Capitol Hill.

On Tuesday, 22 of the 37 members of the International Relations Committee of the House of Representatives joined in introducing a resolution to reject the entire proposal.

Pressure

Congressional opponents of the administration's plan to sell advanced jets to the three

nations have been pressuring the administration, so far without success, to alter its proposal.

Minority leader Howard H. Baker Jr. told reporters shortly before the Foreign Relations Committee hearing that "there ought to be some flexibility" to enable Congress and the White House to reach an agreement on the sales.

While saying he saw "some signs" of flexibility, Baker said he could not point to any specific instance.

Turning to Congressional concern over the security of Israel, Vance told the committee that "our commitment to Israel's security and wellbeing is an enduring imperative of American foreign policy."

Saudi defence

The secretary said the Carter administration "will remain unshaken in its determination to help Israel meet its security requirements."

Both Vance and Brown said

that Israel is militarily the strongest nation in the Middle East.

Vance also told the committee that the F-15s the administration would sell to Saudi Arabia would be used for that nation's defense and "the Saudis have said that they do not plan to base the F-15s at any location that would threaten Israel."

The Saudi sale is the most controversial element in the administration's plan, and for the second day in a row, a Saudi official has warned that the Arab nation would turn elsewhere if the F-15 sale is rejected.

An interview published in the independent Kuwait newspaper, Al-Arabiya News, King Khaled of Saudi Arabia was quoted as saying, "we want to buy arms for our defence and we shall find them. We can find them elsewhere."

In an interview published Tuesday, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabian oil minister, said rejection of the sale could cause his government to reconsider its continuing willingness to support the American dollar."

Begin keeps to hard line

CHICAGO, May 3 (R). — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin vowed today that Israel would never withdraw from its pre-1967 boundaries nor allow an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank.

In a stinging, hard-line speech to local Jewish leaders, he declared: "We will not accept those two demands ... nobody will dictate to us demands unacceptable."

Mr. Begin, on a coast-to-coast tour, omitted any mention of the proposed sale of sophisticated American warplanes to Egypt and Saudi Arabia, devoting his remarks to defending his Middle East peace plan and attacking proposals that he said would leave Israel in mortal danger.

No mention was made in the lengthy document of eff-

orts by the five western members of the Security Council to work out a settlement acceptable to the international community.

The proposals by the U.S., Britain, France, Canada and West Germany have been accepted by South Africa, which rules Namibia under a mandate originally issued by the League of Nations.

Further talks with the other principal party, the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO), are to be conducted by the western five beginning on Friday.

U.N. General Assembly calls for S. African pullout from Namibia

UNITED NATIONS, May 3 (R). — The General Assembly today called for South Africa's unconditional withdrawal from Namibia (South West Africa) and recommended economic sanctions to back up its demand.

By 119 votes to none with 21 members abstaining, the world body adopted a declaration and plan of action at the final meeting of a special 10-day session on the long-standing Namibia problem.

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UNIFIL goes on "Red Alert" after three killed and 12 wounded in overnight battle

TYRE, Lebanon, May 3 (Agencies). — U.N. peacekeeping forces went on "Red Alert" in south Lebanon today, after guerrilla assaults left two French paratroopers and one Senegalese soldier dead and 12 wounded including the commander of the French U.N. contingent. A spokesman for the French command in Tyre said this was the final casualty toll, dispelling the confusion in figures released by the U.N. headquarters in New York and U.N. spokesmen in Beirut.

Capt. Jean Menegaux, the press officer of the French contingent told reporters at his barracks on the southern outskirts of this Biblical city that most of the wounded were Frenchmen.

He was not aware that a British civilian with the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was reported missing in the Tyre vicinity by U.N. sources in Beirut.

Menegaux said the bodies of the three killed were recovered during the night and that the previously reported missing Frenchmen were all found wounded.

They were helicopter to clinics in Naqura, a Lebanese village overrun by Israeli during its March 15 invasion of south Lebanon, and in the Israeli Mediterranean city of Haifa.

Maximum alert

U.N. sources said UNIFIL's French, Senegalese, Iranian, Nepalese, Swedish and Norwegian troops, totally 3,992, were ordered to return fire from any source and forcefully prevent guerrilla infiltration across their lines toward Israeli-held territories in the south.

The sources said a Red Alert means the U.N. troops are on maximum alert and around-the-clock combat readiness.

The sources said the orders came from U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, who asked UNIFIL commander Maj.-Gen. Emmanuel Erskine to cut short a visit to New York and fly back to south Lebanon.

Detailed account

TYRE, Lebanon, May 3 (R). — Capt. Jean Menegaux, a French U.N. officer told Reuters today.

The French commander, Col. Jean-Germain Salvan, had been shot in the legs as he was being driven in a Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) vehicle.

He said armoured cars, rockets, mortars and machine guns were used in fierce fighting over a five-km. front for almost two hours.

The captain, who said he had fought by his colonel's side during the heaviest exchanges, said "this was no minor clash. It was a real battle with heavy weapons".

King Khaled says Arabs should not expect "equity" from either East or West

CAIRO, May 3 (AP). — Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri arrived in Egypt today for talks with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on re-grouping Arab Ranks that are divided over Egypt's peace overtures to Israel. Nimeiri is also due to sound out Sadat on the prospects of an Arab summit conference.

The Sudanese president is trying to restore diplomatic relations between Egypt and Syria, Libya, Iraq, Algeria and South Yemen.

Nimeiri will hold talks with Sadat at the Mediterranean city of Alexandria where the Egyptian leader is currently relaxing from a nationwide tour of development projects. Nimeiri's arrival was broadcast live by Cairo radio. The Sudanese leader is expected to fly to Syria after talks with Sadat.

In an interview published by the Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Siyassah, the king said solidarity between Arab countries "was capable of doing everything. We should not expect equity from either the East or the West."

The paper said the interview was arranged in Geneva, where the Saudi monarch is undergoing medical treatment.

In an apparent reference to the pro-communist military coup in Afghanistan and continuing conflicts in the Horn of Africa, the king said it was "regrettable that the Western World, including big powers, is too preoccupied with its domestic problems at a time when many variables are emerging in a number of countries which enjoy geographically important locations in Central Asia and the Horn of Africa."

Asked to comment on anti-government troubles in Iran, the Saudi monarch said he thought that the Shah had the Shah was enjoying a strong and wise administration in his country. It seems that what has happened is under the Shah's sight and hearing. The man is experimenting a form of rule that will provide more opportunities to all trends in his country," he said. This did not mean that the Gulf area has ceased being "a target for international ambitions which do not want well-being of the region," he added.

France prepared to send 500 more troops

PARIS, May 3 (R). — France is prepared to send 500 more men to reinforce its contingent serving with United Nations peacekeeping forces in Lebanon, reliable sources said today.

The French contingent now numbers about 1,000 men and is the largest single national unit with the U.N. force there.

The extra 500 French troops for Lebanon would probably be drawn from France's overseas intervention force made up largely of professional soldiers.

The intervention force is building up its strength in the African Republic of Chad where a revolt by Moslem Touareb tribesmen of the Frojat movement is threatening the Christian, pro-French government.

French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud today deplored the guerrilla attack in Lebanon on French members of the United Nations force in which two French soldiers died.

"It is regrettable that while carrying out their mission the French contingent came under fire from some irresponsible people," Mr. de Guiringaud told reporters after today's cabinet meeting.

A part of the force consists of French Foreign Legionnaires who are being sent to Chad.

Informed sources said it was doubtful that the Legionnaires, who are generally not Frenchmen, would be sent to Lebanon but that paratroopers or marines might be sent instead.

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Overdoing the flag-waving

We're a bit confused again, which in itself would not be great cause for editorial comment, were it not for the fact that our confusion stems from the latest statements by President Carter over the weekend. In an interview with the New York Times syndication service, on the occasion of Israel's 30th anniversary celebrations, Mr. Carter was more emphatic than usual in making clear his opposition to a Palestinian independent state in the West Bank, as well as his belief that permanent Middle East peace settlement would be based "substantially" on the proposals for Palestinian home-rule put forward by Israel's Premier Menachem Begin, which include giving Palestinians the choice of only Israeli or Jordanian citizenship.

This is not the time to get into an argument with either Mr. Carter or Mr. Begin on the rights or wrongs of those premises. It is not our intention, or our right, to suggest whether the Palestinians should have an independent state or one hooked up in a federation with anybody the Palestinians want to hook up with on a reciprocal basis. Similarly, it is none of our business to say whether the Palestinians choose Israeli or Jordanian or any other citizenship. These are all matters that have to be settled in negotiations among the Palestinians, the Israelis and the other Arab states.

What we do object to, however, is Mr. Carter's presumptuousness in being so emphatic in his suggestions about the form of a final settlement. To view a final peace based "substantially" on Mr. Begin's proposals is to be substantially very far away from a final peace of any enduring validity or legitimacy. To deny the Palestinians their right to a process of full self-determination in which they can choose to federate with New Jersey, if they so wish, is to fix unnatural perimeters to an organic peace-making process that needs flexibility above all else to gain momentum and achieve results.

To make things more confusing, we are told, via President Sadat of Egypt, that the American position really has not changed at all. So why does Mr. Carter make these statements that only muddle the already murky waters of Middle East diplomacy?

If Mr. Carter wants to wave the flag on the 30th anniversary of Israel's creation, he can do so without creating more unnecessary ill-will and confusion. It is hard to see how his latest statements add to the quest for peace, or to the delicate American role as a vital mediator.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAI took the 25th anniversary of His Majesty King Hussein's assumption of his constitutional powers as the subject for its commentary Wednesday.

Hailing the King's leadership, the newspaper recalled His Majesty's untiring endeavours throughout the past quarter of a century to make Jordan a democratic and constitutionally-governed state that would assume its appropriate place among the nations of the world.

King Hussein's loyalty to the constitution, law and consultation, coupled with his patriotism and forebearance, has been a guarantee for Jordan's tranquility and stability, the newspaper pointed out.

AL DUSTOUR advises President Anwar Sadat not to rush into the resumption of bilateral negotiations with Israel before the proposed Arab summit meets. The newspaper was referring to an insinuation by the Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in the United States Tuesday that a development towards these negotiations would be discussed shortly.

At the same time Al Dustour welcomes President Sadat's expression of readiness, in his May Day speech Tuesday, for the resumption of diplomatic relations between Egypt and the Arab Stewardship (Rejection) Front states. It is also gratified at the president's voiced support for Arab solidarity and for the convening of an Arab summit and for renewing his commitment to a comprehensive Middle East solution and to safeguarding the Palestinian people's right to self-determination in their own land.

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The Jordan Times will publish five listings on the day of the event.

Royal Scientific Society places emphasis on adapting "appropriate" technology

By Ian Kellas
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 3 — The Royal Scientific Society (RSS) is shifting its emphasis away from prestigious science towards low technology and small scale production, Dr. Albert Butros told the Jordan Times last night.

He was speaking at the end of a comprehensive review of the work of the RSS delivered at the British Council, in which he laid emphasis on the close links that the society was developing with industry in Jordan. The RSS, he said, "does not aim to unravel the secrets of nature, ... Its approach is basically practical, pragmatic and mission-oriented." The primary objective of the society, Dr. Butros declared, is "serving the process of industrialisation and economic and social development."

Dr. Butros believes that the RSS should not concentrate its research in fields where technology is rapidly changing. Instead it should apply its limited resources to adapting "appropriate" technology from abroad.

Giving an example of the sort of research that the RSS would avoid in future, Dr. Butros mentioned the walkie-talkies which the society had developed. The final products, he said, were very sophisticated, but Jordan could not ultimately support a walkie-talkie industry in competition with foreign manufacturers. It would be more sensible, for instance, to encourage the establishment of an economically viable industry for processing fruit juices, he said.



Dr. Albert Butros

The RSS itself cannot engage in large-scale production, but it could usefully produce limited quantities of specially ordered equipment, Dr. Butros suggested. The society's newly developed "Minilab", for instance, has been produced with the limited needs of Jordan's training institutions in mind. Containing a signal generator, a DC power supply and a volt-ammeter, the Minilab incorporates relatively low-level technology, but because of its flexibility it is likely to prove cheaper than imported equipment.

Research at the society has also been conducted — for instance — in low cost solar heaters and in diesel burners for use in bread ovens. The RSS should be designing things that can be made in the local blacksmith's shop, Dr. Butros went on, rather than competing in the field of high technology.

Apart from research, Dr. Butros outlined in his lecture three main objectives for the society: the provision of services and of information and the formulation of science and technology policy. The RSS tries to stimulate the establishment of new industries in the country, but it also serves existing ones — in particular the medium and small scale industries which perceive the importance of research and development, but lack the facilities to do their own.

The RSS carries out a range of laboratory tests on metal strength, for instance, or food quality. Services on offer also include economic feasibility studies, the maintenance and calibration of mechanical and electronic equipment and the use of the society's computers for accounting, for systems an-



The Library of the Royal Scientific Society pictured while still under construction.

alysis and even for the training of computer operators.

Increasingly, the society's relations with industry are being governed by formal contracts and the revenue from this is increasing "dramatically" and will account this year for 25 per cent of the society's running costs.

Other countries within the region are beginning to show interest in using the RSS as a technological services centre. The Building Materials Research Department has been specifically designated by the Arab League as a regional centre.

Recognising the need to sift and organise the technological information which is available in Jordan, the RSS is busy developing its information services. It already has a library of 30,000 books and subscribes to 900 journals. It is now planning to draw up and distribute tables of contents of specialised journals, and this may even be computerised at a later stage. The Economics Department is also preparing an economic data bank.

The RSS has a special interest in developing science education in Jordan. It has designed ripple tanks for use in school physics labs for example, and has printed 71 technical manuals and 13 textbooks.

Now it is just about to bring out a School Science Journal.

The RSS played a leading role in preparing for the Science and Technology Policy Conference which took place here in February.

But despite the society's "catalytic" role to date, Dr. Butros believes that the final responsibility for technology policy should not be given to a research institute, which would lack the necessary breadth of view. He told the Jordan Times that he thought the proposed national science policy council would probably be attached to the National Planning Council. This arrangement would be one way of responding to the need to tie in technological development with social and economic goals.

Concluding his lecture, Dr. Butros conceded that the RSS would remain a controversial institution, viewed by some as an expensive experiment, at least until it made some "break-through" that appealed to the public. But he defended its usefulness by putting the running costs of the society in the context of the "mind-boggling" sums that the Arab World spends as a matter of course on the technology and research which is built into goods bought from abroad.



A student in an electronics lab at the Royal Scientific Society.



A chemical researcher in one of the labs at the RSS.

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Friends of Archaeology

Dr. Fawzi Zaydine will be guiding an excursion to Azraq, Kasara and Horana. The caravan will leave at 7:30 a.m. Friday from in front of the Department of Antiquities. All interested in joining on this trip are requested to bring a picnic lunch.

Concert

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. the Wind Quintet of Radio Baden-Baden will give a concert including works by Franz Danzi, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Anton Reicha, at the Maya Arts Centre. The concert is presented in cooperation with the Goethe Institute. Admission free.

Flower exhibition

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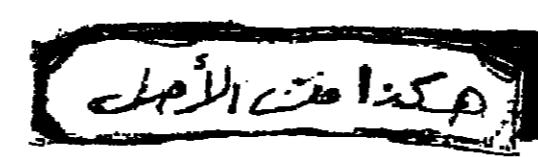
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Swedish minister eyes participation in Queen Alia Airport, Jordan's telephone projects

By a Jordan Times staff reporter

JAN, May 3 — Sweden's Minister of Transport and Communications Bo Turesson, is here to sign a road trade agreement, has also been meeting with Jordanian officials on the possibility of Swedish participation in the development of the new Queen Alia Airport and in Jordan's telecommunications projects.

The signing of the road agreement was a formality after the main part of the negotiations were concluded last October. But, in the meantime, Turesson has asked Sweden to offer providing technical assistance for the new airport in a field: Traffic control, design and the running of the station that will be situated in the airport.

Turesson, who is the third Swedish minister to visit Jordan this year, the Jordan Times that the country would have to consider Jordan's request for assistance. It was possible for instance that Jordanians could go to Sweden to train in specialised fields. Sweden is a prominent contributor to UN agencies active in Jordan but has not yet given any bilateral aid. The training of airport personnel might be part of this respect.

Turesson has also been discussing the possibility of applying Swedish expertise in the field of computerised telephone systems to Jordan's ambitious telecommunication programme. Swedish telecommunications have already made sales in Saudi Arabia.

The Swedish minister today visited the Royal Scientific Society to acquaint himself with the society's activities. Mr. Turesson, who paid a visit to Syria before arriving in Jordan on Monday, is due to fly back to Scandinavia tomorrow.



Prime Minister Mudar Badran (facing camera) chats with Swedish Transport and Communications Minister Bo Turesson (next to Mr. Badran) while members of Mr. Turesson's delegation and a Jordanian official listen on. (JNA photo)

the occupation of territory by force is completely inadmissible.

During a meeting with Mr. Badran today, the Swedish minister expressed his government's concern with the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the area based on U.N. resolution on the subject.

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Mr. Bo Turesson (third from left) exchanges a pleasantries with Director of the Royal Scientific Society Albert Ettos (facing camera) during a visit to the computer section of the RSS Wednesday. (JNA photo)

Economic and Business News



C President Hanna Odah (second from right) and UNDP representative Abdul Latif Siter (third from right) sign the civil aviation accord in Amman Wednesday while other officials look on.

Aviation accords worth JD 798,000 signed

JAN, May 3 (JNA). — Two agreements worth JD 798,000 were signed today with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The agreements are for two development projects in civil aviation in Jordan. One of the agreements provides for the training of about 100 employees at the Civil Aviation Centre, either in Jordan or abroad. The project is estimated to cost JD 129,000 of which JD 105,000 will be provided by UNDP and JD 24,000 will be provided by the government during the first year. The other project provides for the reorganisation and modernisation of the Civil Aviation Department, the maintenance of civil airports, the installation of modern communication systems and will cost JD 447,000. The agreements were signed by the President of the National Planning Council, Dr. Hanna Odah, and the UNDP representative in Jordan, Mr. Abdul Latif Siter.

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S (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You can now get planetary forces and carry through with plans made previously. Time to join with friends for fun.

BRUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Reaching right decisions is now, so use the best judgment you can. Try to have real understanding with loved ones.

INI (May 21 to June 19) Plan time to see good. Have a better understanding with them in the Be determined in going after goals and you gain easily. Avoid one who has an eye on your assets.

IN CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Plan how to add a badge and prestige so that you can advance in your Use more up-to-date methods for best results.

July 22 to Aug. 21) Try something new for a during spare time. Try to make a fine impression of a different background from your own. Add to interests and become more successful.

O (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) If you are scrupulously about your dealings, you can make big headway. Looks favorably upon you now, so come to a fine ending. Increase mutual happiness.

A (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Have a long talk with part and reach a fine understanding. Get involved more in family affairs and improve your image appreciably.

PIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Study your work and plan can be handled more efficiently. Try to please co-workers and gain their cooperation. Enjoy social life in spare time.

ETTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make appointments for recreation and later all works out safely, well. and a better way of applying your talents. Get more for than you have in the past.

RICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Make sure pressing a paid before you consider socializing. Show more for loved one, mate.

ARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get busy at new interests and gain the cooperation of allies. Handle correspondingly. You communicate well with others now.

ES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Keep rooted to money and you can add appreciably to your present to now. Plan repairs you want to make and contact persons.

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Korean plane flier: Clues to incident in flight recorder but Soviets hold on to it

SEOUL, May 3 (R). — The navigator of the South Korean airliner forced down in northern Russia on April 20 said today the truth of what happened was to be found in the plane's flight recorder but the Russians were not giving it up. They had refused to let him copy this and other evidence for the investigation by South Korean officials, navigator Lee Kun-Shik told a news conference.

But the plane's pilot, Capt. Kim Chang-Kyu, said there would still be some way for the South Koreans to conduct their own probe.

The men, who returned home today, were asked why the Boeing 707 had strayed 1,000 miles off course during its polar flight from Paris to Seoul and why the flight error was not determined earlier.

"I still have no clear recollection and cannot give you responsible answers," Capt. Kim said. The navigator said the answer was to be found in

the flight recorder seized by the Russians.

The airliner of Korean Airlines (KAL) with 97 passengers and 13 crew was strafed by a Soviet fighter about seven hours after it left Paris, and two passengers were killed.

The surviving passengers and crew returned home early last week but the Russians held the captain and navigator until April 29.

The captain said he first realised the navigational error when the Soviet fighter appeared. He radioed without response.

Burmese Moslem refugees in Bangladesh up to 80,000

DACCA, May 3 (R). — About 80,000 Burmese Moslem refugees have crossed into Bangladesh in the past four weeks, the official Bangladesh news agency, quoting official sources, reported.

The agency said that about 10,000 of them came yesterday.

The deputy commissioner of Bangladesh's southern district of Chittagong said the influx of the Moslems was continuing unabated and the situation might turn serious unless effective measures were taken to stop the illegal immigration.

The Moslem refugees arriving in Bangladesh have said the Burmese army had waged a campaign against their community.

Burma has rejected charges of a campaign and said that about 20,000 Bengalis living in northwest Burma, had fled across the border to avoid immigration checks.

Bangladesh's Foreign Secretary, Mr. Tabarak Hussain, said yesterday that negotiations were going on in Rangoon to create the right atmosphere to send the refugees home.

He was speaking to reporters after visiting refugee camps accompanied by senior government officials and border security troops.

Mr. Martin Haug, delegate of the Red Cross in Bangladesh, who has also visited refugee camps, said many people had bullet wounds and other injuries.

British people don't like 4-syllable words like me-tri-ca-tion

By James R. Peipert.

LONDON, (AP). — "The British people don't like four-syllable words like me-tri-ca-tion," said former Labour Prime Minister Harold Wilson. It seems that Wilson was right.

The Labour government of James Callaghan, Wilson's successor, is having second thoughts about its plans for a compulsory shift from yards, gallons and pounds to metres, litres and kilograms by the early 1980's.

Last week John Fraser, the minister in charge of the change from imperial to metric measures, sent letters to about 100 organisations representing a broad range of British opinion asking their views on metrication.

"It is clearly impossible to proceed against a background of hostility," Mr. Fraser wrote. "Resistance against the recent metrication orders has led us to review whether we can still claim universal support."

Most other countries use the metric system devised by the Paris Academy of Sciences in 1791.

As a member of the nine-nation European Common Market since Jan. 1, 1973, Britain increasingly finds itself out of step with its continental partners because of its imperial system.

Anger aroused

Mr. Wilson warned early that metrication would face problems in a country that prides itself on tradition. He made his widely reported remark about metrication being a dirty word when his own Prices Secretary, Shirley Williams, was preparing metrication legislation before he resigned as prime minister April 5, 1976.

The Weights and Measures Act of 1976, which Mr. Callaghan's government finally pushed through parliament, allowed the phasing out of the imperial system, some of whose units have been used here since England was a part of the Roman Empire.

In April 1977, Mr. Fraser announced a timetable of cut-off dates, after which use of imperial weights and measures for various commodities would be illegal. Manufacturers and shopkeepers would then be subject to a maximum fine of £50.

The cutoff dates have to be approved by parliament and the first few passed with no trouble. As of April 21, for example, manufacturers were required to package sugar and cookies in metric units and no longer print an imperial unit on the package.

But recently some members of parliament began to balk at passing the enforcement orders. Their opposition to the demise of the imperial system, reflecting a significant segment of opinion throughout the country, was what prompted Mr. Fraser's open letter.

The letter by Mr. Fraser, a junior minister in the department, went out to organisations that included the Trades Union Congress, the Confederation of British Industry, charities, consumer bodies and other special interest groups such as Age Concern.

The compulsory aspect of the changeover in Britain and the idea that a shopkeeper could be fined and have the offending scales or tape measure confiscated by the state, has aroused particular anger in the press and among lawmakers and the general public.

"New right" emerges in U.S. over dissatisfaction with the Panama Canal Treaties

By Peter Kiernan

WASHINGTON, (R). — The extreme right has been quick to exploit what it sees as dissatisfaction among some Americans over the Panama Canal treaties.

The media started talking about the emerging "new right" when it referred to a groundswell of popular opposition to the signing of the recently ratified treaties turning over control of the canal to Panama by the year 2000.

The American Conservative Union offered one indication of the extent of that discontent when it reported receiving \$700,000 in contributions after airing a half-hour television documentary on the canal "give away" on independent stations around the country.

The union has doubled its membership in the past year to about 300,000 people.

The "new right"

Conservative spokesmen began to use the term "new right" to refer to its own activists who split from the tra-

Brezhnev's talks in Bonn expected to concentrate on detente, European disarmament, economic cooperation

BONN, May 3 (Agencies). — Prospects for further detente and disarmament in Europe are likely to dominate talks here tomorrow between Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Mr. Brezhnev has already thrown one card on the table by saying in a newspaper interview published here yesterday that the Soviet Union is ready in principle to accept a 50 per cent reduction of forces and weapons in Central Europe.

The important thing, he told the Social Democratic Party newspaper *Worwaerts*, is that such an agreement would leave neither East nor West under a disadvantage.

The Western powers see the arms equation differently. Government sources said Mr. Schmidt would make clear West Germany's concern over the already big advantage which the Soviet Union has in tanks, medium-range missiles and men. An across-the-board reduction on the lines Mr. Brezhnev suggested is a non-starter, according to West German officials. They also stress that the talks are only exchanges of view, not negotiations, as West Germany is only one member of an alliance.

The Soviet and West German leaders are also bound to differ about the controversial neutron bomb. Talk last year of introducing the U.S.-developed weapon brought a strong reaction from the Soviet Union -- and from some government circles here.

Nevertheless Chancellor Schmidt has made clear West Germany would accept stationing of the weapon on its soil if necessary. Despite President Carter's decision to defer production, the subject is felt certain to come up for discussion during the four-day visit beginning tomorrow.

In yesterday's interview the Soviet leader said his country had no aggressive intentions towards Western Europe or anyone else and was only interested in furthering the process of detente.

Mr. Brezhnev described the 1970 treaty between the Soviet Union and West Germany as "a cornerstone in the edifice of detente." Good relations between the two countries were a measure of the international scene as a whole, he said.

Other political topics which West German sources expect to be raised include the situation in the Middle East and Africa -- particularly Rhodesia and Namibia (South West Africa) -- United Nations problems and the North-South dialogue.

Informants sources at a West European foreign ministers meeting in Brussels yesterday also said the Soviet Union will sign a 25-year agreement on economic cooperation with West Germany.

The sources said they were not sure whether the accord would be signed during the Kremlin chief's visit to Bonn or only initialled "on and formally signed later."

The contents of the projected agreement were not specified. Such documents usually deal with the framework of economic relations and not with the details of trade.

The sources said the agreement would have an initial ten-year duration, renewable for three five-year periods. They also said the Moscow-Bonn agreement would be in the framework of European Common Market law.

Cyprus talks still lack agreed basis, Waldheim reveals

UNITED NATIONS, May 3 (R). — Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said there was no agreed basis for a resumption of inter-communal talks on Cyprus but promised to continue his efforts aimed at restarting the negotiating process.

In a statement issued yesterday through a spokesman, Dr. Waldheim noted that on April 19 he personally handed Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou in Nicosia a set of Turkish-Cypriot proposals he had received in Vienna six days earlier.

"Mr. Kyprianou informed the secretary general that these proposals were not acceptable as a basis for the resumption of inter-communal talks," the statement continued.

"Evidently there is a gap between the positions of the two parties as regards the basis for a resumption of the talks."

In these circumstances the secretary general, in pursuance of the good offices mandate entrusted to him by the Secu-

rity Council in 1975, intended to continue his consultations "in order to clarify the positions of both sides in regard to a resumption of the negotiating process," the statement concluded.

Talks between representatives of the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities have been stalled for the past year. There have been six rounds of negotiations since the talks began in Vienna in April 1975, aimed at settling constitutional and territorial issues.

Following the occupation of the northern part of Cyprus by the Turkish army, the Turkish-Cypriots, accounting for about 18 per cent of the population, proclaimed a Federated State of Cyprus comprising nearly 40 per cent of the island's territory.

Turkey said its troops were sent in to protect the Turkish-Cypriot minority in the wake of a short-lived coup engineered by officers from mainland Greece.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRABLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: TESTY BRIAR FELLOW ALMOST

Answer: What the star crime reporter always was FIRST WITH THE WORST

THE Daily Crossword

by Vincent L. Osborne

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